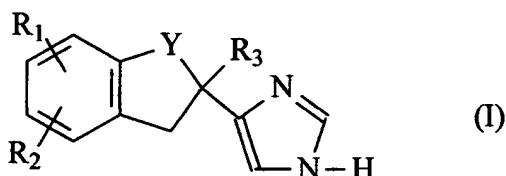


II. Please find a listing of claims amended to align them with US patent practice

1. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form containing, as an active ingredient, a substituted imidazole derivative of general formula (I):



wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CO}-$, R_1 is halo or hydroxy, R_2 is H or halo, and R_3 is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C_1 to C_4 alkyl, preferably C_1 or C_2 alkyl), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, such as an acid addition salt, e.g. the hydrochloride, of a compound of the general formula (I), so as to promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient.

2. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, which is formulated to disintegrate within 10 seconds of being placed in the oral cavity.

3. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [1 or] 2, which comprises a network of the active ingredient and a water-soluble or water-dispersible carrier which is inert towards the active ingredient, the network having been obtained by subliming solvent from a composition in the solid state, said composition comprising the active ingredient and a solution of the carrier in a solvent.

4. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 4, [containing] additionally comprising one or more matrix forming agents.

5. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise one or more of gelatin and a cyclic sugar.

6. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 5, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise gelatin and at least one cyclic sugar.
7. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [5 or]6, wherein the gelatin is fish gelatin.
8. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 7] claim 6, wherein the cyclic sugar is mannitol.
9. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 7] claim 6, wherein [the sugar is a cyclic sugar] the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.
10. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 9] claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.
11. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amino acid is glycine.
12. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$.
13. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo or hydroxy.
14. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo.
15. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_1 is 5-halo.

16. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R₁ is fluoro.

17. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R₂ is hydrogen.

18. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1 wherein R₃ is ethyl.

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